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MOST of us about this time are hunting up our last year's overcoat to see if it is fit for another season. Some, doubtless, are sorry now they didn't spend a nickel for moth balls, and a few hapless ones may have suffered from prosperity and find themselves a size or two bigger than they bargained for. However that may be, the fact remains that there will be quite a number of men needing overcoats just now, and possibly you are, yourself, among them. If so, we invite you to give us a call and look over these famous



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CHRISTIANS OF MEHOMIA ARE PUT TO THE SWORD BY SOLDIERS OF SULTAN

Town of 3200 Population Is Surrounded and People Are Massacred After Fierce Fight in Streets.

Reports Reach Sofia That Turks Are Everywhere Gaining the Upper Hand and Backbone of Revolution in Macedonia Is Said to Have Been Broken--Determined Stand of Powers Given Credit for Averting War.

Sofia, Oct. 2.--The Macedonian revolutionary headquarters asserts that it has positive information that the whole Christian population of the town of Mehoma, Province of Seres, was massacred September 28, with the exception of ten men, who escaped with the news.

Mehoma is an important town, and the seat of the local government. The population numbered 3200 persons. According to the fugitives, when the general uprising was declared in the Razlog district of Sunday, the Turkish troops in the Piran mountains hurried to Mehoma and surrounded the town, rendering the escape of the Christians impossible. The Bulgarian people were prepared to join the rising, several insurgent agents being in the Bulgarian quarter of the town at the time. Desperate fighting occurred in the streets, bombs and dynamite being freely used. After fighting for five hours the Turks gained the upper hand and proceeded to massacre every Bulgarian they encountered.

According to advices received here this afternoon, the backbone of the revolution in Macedonia is broken. The Turkish troops are gaining the upper hand everywhere. Several insurgent chiefs have been killed or wounded, others are abandoning the struggle and fleeing to the frontier. The revolutionary bands are sustaining heavy losses, and are seeking refuge in large numbers, and the Turks occupy every

important point along the routes of retreat to the frontier.

Fighting is reported to have taken place throughout the districts of Razlog, Melnik, Demirhisar and Nevrokop.

WAR AVERTED FOR PRESENT.
London, Oct. 2.--With the exception of the report of the massacre at Mehoma, which is identical with that of the town of Razlog, there is little news from the Balkans.

The semi-official journal De St. Petersburg, commenting on the visit of the czar to Emperor Francis Joseph, declares that the firm language employed by the representatives of the Russian and Australian governments at Constantinople and Sofia has averted the war for the present.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the Anatolian troops recently called out are merely intended to displace the unruly troops who are responsible for the excesses, so the actual effectiveness of the army in Rumania will not thereby be increased.

BULGARIA IMPLICATED.

Sofia, Oct. 2.--It is reported on good authority that documents found on a Bulgarian killed at Razlog, bearing the signatures of Bulgarian officials, tend to show that the Bulgarian government was concerned in the organization of the revolution. The documents are being brought here by special messenger.

TAKE NAMES FROM TICKET UNION MEN HAVE WON OUT

Trouble Ahead for Edward M. Grant and Charles Fornes.

New York, Oct. 2.--Action looking towards the elimination of Edward M. Grant and Charles Fornes from the municipal ticket was taken today by the citizens' union and republican organizations.

Calls were issued for the re-assembling of the conventions of these bodies on Wednesday of next week, the purpose being to declare vacant the nominations of the gentlemen named above for the offices of controller and president of the board of aldermen.

Claiming this action cannot be legally taken, Messrs. Grant and Fornes will appeal to the courts for an order that their names must be printed on the official ballot in the republican and citizens' union columns.

TO BETTER THE NEGRO.

New York, Oct. 2.--About 100 delegates are attending a convention in Brooklyn having for its object the formation of a national association to improve the conditions of the colored people. Rev. Dr. Jean Babbitt, in addressing the convention deplored sectionalism, urged race harmony and pointed out the great dangers in the present situation of dragging the race question into politics.

The object of the delegates is to organize a co-operative society and to establish such commercial and industrial enterprises as life insurance, shoe and provision stores, and anything for the benefit of the race.

STRANGE SUICIDE.

New York, Oct. 2.--A man supposed to have been David A. McRitchie, of Wisconsin, Mo., jumped from the pier at West Twelfth street today, swam 100 feet, and sank. He evidently destroyed himself with most remarkable calmness for, in his hat which he laid upon the pier was a letter giving instructions to notify relatives, and included his last will and testament. The writer stated that he desired his baggage at an uptown hotel should be forwarded to David J. McRitchie, Washington, D. C. The suicide's body has not been recovered.

BAIFOUR'S POLICY CONDEMNED.

London, Oct. 3.--The Times this (Saturday) morning gives prominence to an article purporting to represent the colonial view and strongly criticizing Balfour's attitude on the fiscal question as showing that he cares nothing for the colonies, to whom his attitude means not only disappointment, but disaster.

FOUR WOMEN DROWNED.

Brainerd, Minn., Oct. 2.--Four women have been drowned on Long lake. As they were attempting to ford the narrow arm of the lake their vehicle overturned and all were drowned.

to the current crop year. The Southern California bean crop is placed at 750,000 sacks, 65,000 more than last year. Aside from iron, mine and furnace regions, and in some building lines, careful canvass reveals no tendency thus far to reduce wages. Less activity in the building lines is shown at Buffalo. Structural iron and steel is quiet. No new foreign business in steel or iron. New England cotton mills are slowly resuming. Woolen mills are running full time.

Wall street reaction hit money interests at a number of central western and western cities with evidences shown, in some instances, in effects on business enterprises. Demands for funds for legitimate business are very heavy. Banks are having all they can do to meet requirements. Municipal security market is feeling the tension and less is doing there.

There is a better demand for winter goods in Ontario and Quebec. Dumping surplus English woollens there has hurt the domestic industry. Two plants have closed. The apple crop is very large, but the potato crop is a failure.

MONOCACY HAS BEEN SOLD

Famous Side Wheeler Disposed of by Admiral Evans.

Washington, Oct. 2.--The navy department today received a cable gram from Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic station, saying he had accepted the bid of Hashimoto, a Japanese merchant, \$11,225, for the purchase of the Monocacy. She went to China soon after the close of the civil war.

The Monocacy is a schooner-rigged side-wheeler and was built in Baltimore in 1882. She outlived her usefulness many years ago, and for several years has been lying in the mud dock at Pelho.

WILL STAND TRIAL.

New York, Oct. 2.--Coming voluntarily from Nuremberg, Germany, to surrender and answer to a charge made by the government of entering a fraudulent invoice, Paul Reinemann has been arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields and entered a plea of not guilty. He furnished cash bail in the sum of \$2,500.

According to the complaint, Reinemann, who is engaged in the export hop business and had a New York office, shipped a quantity of hops to Carl Neidhardt, at Chattanooga, Tenn., valued at \$5000. In one of the bales of hops, the complaint says, the exporter placed two dozen toy trick watches valued at \$2 each, which were not on the invoice. The presence of the watches in the hops was in some unknown manner discovered by the government agents who permitted them to remain that they might arrest Neidhardt after he had taken them out.

The latter pleaded guilty to the charge after the indictment by the federal courts of Tennessee.

The motive for sending the so-called trick watches in the hops was not, it is stated, to escape paying the duty, but to get them into this country.

ST. HELENS WAS IN ERUPTION

Active on the Day the Earth quake Was Felt.

Portland, Oct. 2.--According to John Connors, who has just returned from the St. Helens mining district, Mount St. Helens was in eruption September 15, the day the earthquake was felt all over the Northwest. He states that large boulders rolled down the side of the mountain and the air was filled with sulphurous fumes. He says the country was covered with volcanic ashes.

FUNDS WILL BE EXCEEDED.

New York, Oct. 2.--Replies from the mayors of the various cities where subscriptions to the Sir Thomas Lipton testimonial fund have been received, indicate that the amount set out to be raised, \$5000, will be exceeded. Sums varying from 50 cents to \$50 have been received from 25 of the states and territories.

STATUE TO GOEBEL.

New York, Oct. 2.--Arthur Goebel, brother of the late Governor William Goebel of Kentucky, is in the city to inspect the model of a statue to be erected in memory of the assassin's victim. The monument is to cost \$15,000, donated by public subscription, and will stand in Frankfort, Ky.

IMMIGRATION INCREASE.

New York, Oct. 2.--Statistics for September show that 47,852 aliens have arrived at Ellis Island during the month, being an increase over the corresponding month last year of 5543. October opened with the arrival of 3013 for the first two days.

BRYAN'S CHOICE.

Butte, Oct. 2.--A special from Lincoln, Neb., says: W. J. Bryan leans to a western man for the democratic presidential nomination. In his Commencement of today he suggested ex-Governor John E. Osborne, of Wyoming, as available timber.

BLACKMAILERS THREATEN TO DYNAMITE TRAINS ON NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE

Diabolical Plot Concocted to Compel the Company to Pay Over to Them an Immense Sum of Money.

Dynamite and Nitro-Glycerine Have Been Found Along the Tracks and It Is Evident That the Fiends Purpose Putting Their Threat Into Execution--Sunday Night Fixed as the Last Day of Grace for Payment.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 2.--(Special)--A special engine and car stand in the Helena yards of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, ready to start at once upon the tracks of men who may attempt some diabolical plan to extract from the railroad company the sum of \$50,000. Aboard the car are armed men and bloodhounds, and at the first indication of trouble they will be rushed to the scene of action.

The blackmailers have demanded this sum from the company and payment has been refused. They have informed the officials of the road that, unless the money is forthcoming by next Sunday night, explosives will be used on the lines.

Development thus far indicate that the blackmailers are in earnest. A few days ago a section hand who was going over the road ahead of the Marysville train found a stick of dynamite on the track. Were it not that the explosives were found the train might have been wrecked with great loss of life. Recently a can containing what was supposed to be nitro-glycerine was found in the Butte-Logan cut-off. Early in the present week section men found at one end of the Mullen tunnel

a large quantity of dynamite. The explosive found in all three cases had been so placed as to wreck a train, and it is taken from this that the blackmailers mean business. The vigilance of the company in patrolling its right-of-way has had the effect of preventing for a time at least the carrying out of the plans of the men involved in the blackmailing scheme, but fear is entertained that the outlaws may succeed in wrecking a train. Scores of men are kept along the track and every possible precaution is being observed to prevent disaster. Unless the blackmailers have become frightened, it is probable that they will attempt to put their threat into execution Sunday night.

ANOTHER THREAT.

Butte, Oct. 2.--(Special)--A Livingston dispatch received tonight says that it was reported there today that the Northern Pacific railroad officials had received an anonymous communication in which the threat was made that the handsome new depot at Livingston would be blown up with dynamite. The officials of the company refuse to discuss the report.

MONEY TIGHT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

New York, Oct. 2.--Customs returns indicate a falling off for the first time in several years, says a Times dispatch from Cape Town. Money is tight throughout South Africa and the economic outlook every where is anxious. A general commercial reaction prevails because of overstocking and the severe droughts.

DENOUNCED, BUT NOT ABOLISHED.

Hamburg, Oct. 2.--The woman's congress today debated the propriety of wearing corsets and jewelry. Both practices, according to the prevailing opinion, were barbarous, but no vote on the subject was taken.

LIPTON ENTIRELY RECOVERED.

Chicago, Oct. 2.--Sir Thomas Lipton will leave for New York tomorrow morning and will sail next Friday for London. Sir Thomas has almost entirely recovered from his illness and his physician does not anticipate any relapse. Last night he sat in a box at the Auditorium and listened to mayor Low's speech.

TRADE CONDITIONS.

New York, Oct. 2.--Broadstreet's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Trade reports vary with the sections considered, the best reports coming from the southwest, northwest, and Pacific coast.



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